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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

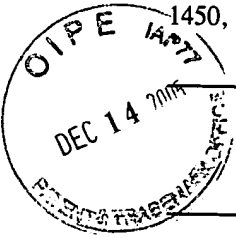
Sir:

Responsive to the Election/Restriction Requirement dated November 10, 2005, Applicants note that the Examiner has required election of one of a number of species as indicated in the election/restriction requirement. Applicants first note that the Examiner has indicated that Figs. 27-33 and 34-42 are separate species. However, the Examiner should note that Figs. 27-42 show various details of a single embodiment according to the present invention. Applicants submit that the Examiner should consider Figs. 27-42 as a single disclosed species. Applicants accordingly elect the species of Fig. 27-33 and 34-42 for further examination in this application.

Claims reading on the elected species include claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request prompt consideration of this application.

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